

## PATENT APPLICATION

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HIROKI MIYATA	)
Application No.: 09/493,110	: Group Art Unit: 2176
Filed: January 28, 2000	)
For: OBJECT EDITING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM STORING COMPUTER-READABLE PROGRAM	) May 11, 2004 RECEIVE
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of that document is also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document, Applicant provides the following comments:

"Microsoft Windows 95 Operating System First Step Guide" (September, 1995, Microsoft Corporation), pp. 28-29, discusses a window including tree control (left

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side) and contents of a selected item in the tree control (right side). This window is

displayed by a function of the operating system. To implement what Applicant is at present

claiming in a computer, the tree control function provided by the operating system, e.g.,

Windows, is used as a platform. However, the tree control is not a feature of the aspects of

the invention set forth in the respective claims, at least by virtue of the features discussed in

the Amendment filed herewith, at pages 14 and 15.

The cited document was first cited in any foreign counterpart application in

a counterpart Japanese patent application, in a Japanese Office Action Report, dated

February 16, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such

information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by

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